

State Grants for Innovative Programs Title V, Part A of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)

A Selection of FY04 Local School District and State Level Activities Compiled by the Title V National Steering Committee

In the fiscal year 2003 budget, for school year 2003-2004 (FY04) programs, the United States Department of Education (USED) distributed nearly \$382.5 million nationally through the NCLB Title V Part A Innovative Grant Program. Each recipient state distributes at least 85% of their allocation to public school districts, which in turn provide equitable services to private schools as well.

On both the state and school district levels, Title V funds are used in a targeted manner that helps meet locally identified needs. Title V programs and activities are designed to improve student achievement and the quality of education for all students. These funds are used to improve the way education is delivered by supporting comprehensive systemic school reform; upgrading instructional and professional development for teachers and administrators to align with state content standards and increase academic achievement levels; strengthening accountability; and promoting the coordination of resources to improve education for all children. State Education Agencies are responsible for reporting achievement and progress to the USED in the following four priority areas:

- ✓ Student achievement in reading and math
- ✓ Teacher quality
- ✓ Safe and drug free schools
- ✓ Increased access for all students to a quality education

Attached is a document noting some of the diverse activities that took place in FY04 on district and state levels. This is not an exhaustive list of Title V funded activities; it is a compilation of examples to indicate some specific ways Title V funds have recently been used across the country.

A companion document contains information regarding the number and percentage of districts that spent 20 percent or more of their Title V Part A funds on the four priority areas listed above.

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